

Dear Commissioners:

I understand that the FCC is currently considering repealing the rules that prohibit a media company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area. I think that the FCC should abandon the idea of repealing cross-ownership rules.

Contrary to views expressed by Mr. Powell and others, the elimination of cross-ownership is not in the best interest of citizens of this nation. The proper functioning of our democracy depends on an informed public. Allowing cross-ownership in this fashion would lead to more consolidation of media outlets, would further limit the sources of information and diversity of voices available to us, and would leave the public less equipped to make informed decision. Our democracy cannot afford to suffer such a loss.

I hope that you all carry out your roles as public servants (and not corporate ones) and do what is best for everyday Americans: prevent TV-newspaper cross-ownership!